

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4 and 15, and amend claims 1, 5-12, and 16-23 as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of providing digital data to a data reception device, comprising:
  - (a) operating the data reception device in a wireless communication network comprising a plurality of terrestrial receivers and terrestrial transmitters, each serving a service region,
  - (b) receiving at least a portion of the digital data in a satellite receiver via a satellite communication system;
  - (c) providing the received portion of the digital data to at least one of the terrestrial transmitters; and
  - (d) transmitting the received portion of the digital data to the data reception device within the service region using the terrestrial transmitter while transmitting a remainder of the digital data via the wireless communication network;
  - (e) determining if a transmission requirement of the digital data exceeds a capacity of the wireless communication network; and
  - (f) performing steps comprising steps (b) through (d) only if the transmission requirements of the digital data exceed the capacity of the wireless communication network.
2. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the satellite receiver is communicatively coupled to the terrestrial transmitter.
3. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the wireless communication network is a cellular telephone network.
4. (CANCELED)
5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim [[4]] 5, wherein the step of determining if a transmission requirement of the portion of the digital data exceeds a capacity of the wireless communication network comprises the steps of:  
determining the transmission requirement for the portion of the digital data;

determining the transmission capacity of the wireless communication network; and comparing the transmission requirements for the digital data with the transmission capacity of the wireless communication network.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim [[4]] 5, further comprising the steps of:

providing the portion of the digital data to a satellite uplink, uplinking the portion of the digital data from the satellite uplink to a satellite, and transmitting the digital data only if the transmission requirements of the portion of the digital data exceed the capacity of the wireless communication network.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim [[4]] 5, wherein the transmission requirement comprises a minimum bandwidth.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim [[4]] 5, wherein the transmission requirement comprises a size of the media program.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim [[4]] 5, wherein the transmission requirement comprises a quality of service (QoS) parameter.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim [[4]] 5, wherein the transmission requirement comprises a cost of service parameter.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim [[4]] 5, further comprising the steps of:

receiving information describing in which service region the user is located; and transmitting the digital data only to a satellite receiver associated with the service region in which the data reception device is located.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus for providing digital data to a data reception device, comprising:

a wireless communication network comprising a plurality of terrestrial receivers and terrestrial transmitters for transmitting information to the data reception device, each serving a service region;

means for receiving a portion of the digital data in a satellite receiver in a satellite communication system;

means for providing the received portion of the digital data to at least one of the terrestrial transmitters for transmission to the user; and

means for transmitting the received portion of the digital data to the data reception device within the service region using the terrestrial transmitter while transmitting a remainder of the digital data via the wireless communication network;

means for determining if a transmission requirement of the digital data exceed a capacity of the wireless communication network; and

means for providing the portion of the digital data to at least one of the terrestrial transmitters only if the transmission requirements of the digital data exceed the capacity of the wireless communication network.

13. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising means for transmitting the portion received digital data to the user within the service region using the terrestrial transmitter.

14. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the wireless communication network is a cellular telephone network.

15. (CANCELED)

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus of claim [[15]] 12, wherein the means for determining if a transmission requirement of the digital data exceeds a capacity of the wireless communication network comprises:

means for determining the transmission requirement for the digital data;

means for determining the transmission capacity of the wireless communication network; and

means for comparing the transmission requirements for the digital data with the transmission capacity of the wireless communication network.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus of claim [[15]] 12, further comprising:  
means for providing the digital data to a satellite uplink, uplinking the digital data from the satellite uplink to a satellite, and transmitting the digital data only if the transmission requirements of the digital data exceed the capacity of the wireless communication network.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus of claim [[15]] 12, wherein the transmission requirement comprises a minimum bandwidth.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus of claim [[15]] 12, wherein the transmission requirement comprises a size of the media program.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus of claim [[15]] 12, wherein the transmission requirement comprises a quality of service (QoS) parameter.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus of claim [[15]] 12, wherein the transmission requirement comprises a cost of service parameter.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus of claim [[15]] 12, further comprising:  
means for receiving information describing in which service region the data reception device is located; and  
means for transmitting the digital data only to a satellite receiver associated with the service region in which the data reception device is located.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus for providing digital data to a user, comprising:

a wireless communication network transmitting digital data to a data reception device, the wireless communication network comprising a plurality of terrestrial receivers and terrestrial transmitters for transmitting the digital data to the data reception device, each serving a service region,

a satellite antenna, for receiving a signal from a satellite, the signal including a portion of the digital data; and

a satellite receiver communicatively coupled to the satellite antenna for detecting and demodulating the signal to produce the portion of the digital data, the satellite receiver communicatively coupled to the terrestrial transmitter, while the wireless communication network transmits a remainder of the digital data to the user; and

a processor for determining if a transmission requirement of the digital data exceed a capacity of the wireless communication network; wherein the portion of the digital data is provided to at least one of the terrestrial transmitters only if the transmission requirements of the digital data exceed the capacity of the wireless communication network.

24. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the communication network is a cellular telephone network.

25. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the satellite antenna is disposed within the service region.

26. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the satellite antenna is disposed proximate the terrestrial transmitter.